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Re: Application of Tetsuo KIJIMA, Tetsuya OCHIAI, Hisako KOBAYASHI
PROTECTIVE AGENT FOR PRINT WITH WATER-BASED INK
Assignee: TAIHO INDUSTRIES CO., LTD
Our Ref: O86337

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references, and a copy of an English abstract of one of the documents cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee, upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>16</u>	-	20	=		x \$25.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=		x \$100.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee								<u>\$150.00</u>
Search Fee								<u>\$200.00</u>
Examination Fee								<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL FEE								\$450.00


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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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